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FOR EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB FROM MARSHALL GREEN

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TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILIP C.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

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1. YOUR PROPOSED TRIP TO AUSTRALIA MOST WELCOME AND
TIMELY. LISA AND I CORDIALLY INVITE YOU AND JOHN HELBLE
TO STAY AT RESIDENCE.

2. UPON MY RETURN TO CANBERRA MAY 7 FROM ESCORTING
SECRETARY WEINBERGER TO SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, I BRIEFLY
TOOK UP YOUR VISIT WITH JOHN ROWLAND (ACTING SECRETARY
OF DFA) WHO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE COULD BE OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOU TO DISCUSS YOUR PROGRAM HERE WITH ALAN RENOUF,
NOW ACCOMPANYING PM WHITLAM IN WASHINGTON. AS ROWLAND
POINTED OUT, ALAN WILL HAVE HIS OWN IDEAS AND WILL WISH
TO DO THE PLANNING. ROWLAND AGREED WITH ME THAT IT
WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO CALL ON PM WHITLAM (IF THAT
CAN BE ARRANGED), FONMIN WILLESEE, DEFMIN BARNARD, AS
WELL AS WITH OPPOSITION LEADER FRASER. A MAJOR PURPOSE OF VISIT
WILL OF COURSE BE TO HAVE A GOOD LONG UNSTRUCTURED
DISCUSSION WITH DFA SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE KIND WHICH HAS
PROVED SO REWARDING IN PAST. I WILL ALSO WISH TO GIVE
AN INFORMAL DINNER IN YOUR HONOR WITH SOME PARLIAMENTARIANS
PRESENT. I EXPECT DFA WILL HAVE SOME SIMILAR FUNCTION FOR
YOU. NATURALLY, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE A GAME OF
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GOLF OR TWO.

3. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS, HOPEFULLY AFTER
YOU HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO CHECK WITH ALAN RENOUF.
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